## **Mickey Price**

Gaston County Commissioner 402 Glen Arbor Drive Belmont, North Carolina 28012

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Chairman Kevin Martin 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Room #8B-201 Washington, DC 20544

Dear Chairman Martin,

Internet access is the key to economic growth, development and participation and I find it a critical tool which should be equally available to all Americans. Unfortunately, many are not able to afford internet access and many of those able to afford access have slow and unreliable connections. Everyone should have affordable access to a fast and reliable internet connection.

I am aware of a proposed service which, if accepted by the FCC, would provide a national, wireless broadband data network at no charge with an assured speed six times faster than dial-up and nearly twice the speed the FCC has defined as broadband service.

We must provide all Americans with fast and reliable internet access. It is necessary to support the proposal to provide fast, free, wireless broadband internet access. I encourage you to support this proposal and provide our citizens with the affordable and reliable internet access they deserve.

Sincerely,

CC:

Commissioner Copps\*

Commissioner Adelstein\*

Commissioner Tate\*

Commissioner McDowell\*

FCC Secretary Marlene Dortch\*

Kathy Seidel, Acting Chief, Wireless Bureau

U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole

U.S. Senator Richard Burr

U.S. Representative Sue Myrick